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WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

Meeting Minutes

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PRE MEETING PANEL

Pre-meeting Panel: Board members Gary Harris, Dr. Slatter, George Roe met prior to the business meeting to consider two requests submitted by pharmacy intern applicants. The panel approved:

- Special internship hours for Connie M. Remsberg for her participation in pharmaceutical research conducted at the University of Washington under the direction of Dr. Neal Davies. Hours not to exceed 840.
- The study plan proposed by Marlene M. Zaky Saleeb. Authorizing her to retake the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination.

CONVENE

Chair Rebecca Hille called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., July 17, 2008.

Board Members present:

Rebecca Hille, BA-Public Member, Chair

Gary Harris, RPh, Vice-Chair

Dan Connolly, RPh

Rosemarie Duffy, RN, MA, MSN, Public Member

Vandana Slatter, PharmD

George Roe, RPh

Board Members absent:

Albert Linggi, RPh

Lisa Hodgson, Executive Manager

Staff Members present:

Steve Saxe, Executive Director (Acting)
Joyce Roper, AAG
Grant Chester, Chief Investigator
Grace Cheung, Investigator
Tim Fuller, Pharmacist Consultant
Cathy Williams, Pharmacist Consultant
Doreen Beebe, Program Manager
Cheryl Christensen, Administrative Assistant

Mission Statement

The mission of the Board of Pharmacy is to achieve the highest standards in the practice of pharmacy and promote public health and safety and to effectively communicate with the Governor, Legislature, the Department of Health, the public and profession.

Vision Statement

The Washington State Board of Pharmacy leads in creating a climate for the patient-focused practice of pharmacy.

We support and encourage our pharmacists to inform, educate, consult, manage drug therapy and provide products as an integral part of an accessible, quality –based health care system.

As a result, the citizens of Washington State:

- Are well informed about medications;
- Take responsibility for their health;
- Utilize pharmacists and other health care providers appropriately; and
- Experience the highest level of health and wellness.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1 Pharmacist License Application Approval
 - Connie M. Remsberg – Intern Hours for Pharmaceutical Research
- 1.2 Pharmacy & Other Firm Application Approval
- 1.4 Pharmacy Tech Training Program Approval
 - A & H Pharmacy
 - Duplicate (this is the same as #1)
 - Brooke Bakogeorge – Vancouver Community College – BC Canada
 - Suzanne Lee Hinton – Payless Drug and Save-On Drugs in Las Vegas NV
 - Zhanna Culbertson – Zaporazh’s State Medical University, Ukraine
- 1.5 Collaborative Drug Therapy Agreement Acceptance

- Community Health Service of Spokane (CHAS)- Hypertension – Various Pharmacists
- Community Health Service of Spokane (CHAS)- Lipid Treatment – Various Pharmacists
- Howard’s Drug and Medical Supply – OTC – Various Pharmacists
- Howard’s Drug and Medical Supply – Refills – Various Pharmacists
- Howard’s Drug and Medical Supply – Immunizations and Epinephrine – Various Pharmacists
- Liberty Bay Internal Medicine – Hypertension – Nicholas David Wyatt
- Liberty Bay Internal Medicine – General Protocol – Nicholas David Wyatt
- Swedish Medical Center – Anemia/Pre-surgery – Various Pharmacists

1.6 Automated Drug Dispensing Device Acceptance

- Odessa Memorial Healthcare Center – Pyxis
- Skyline Hospital Pharmacy – MDG System
- Evergreen Pharmaceutical LLC - Omnicell

1.8 May 29, 2008 Board Minute Approval

Items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine matters and will be approved by a single motion of the board without separate discussion. Items 1.3, 1.7 were deleted from the agenda. **MOTION:** George Roe moved that the board approve items 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.8. Rosemarie Duffy second. **MOTION CARRIED:** 5-0.

REPORTS

Executive Director

Steve Saxe reported:

- Attended the Northwest Pharmacy Convention.
 - I1000 Initiative –Death with Dignity.
- Budget preparation time – staff busy preparing to go before the legislature.
- The Integrated Licensing and Regulatory System (ILRS) – continuing to work out some of the bugs. Better way to access/cross reference cases. Multiple license facilities.
- Attended the Unintentional Poisoning workshop with Dan Connolly. Rising unintentional incidents of death relating to prescription drugs.
- Attended NW Patient Safety Conference regarding the prevention of medical and medication errors.
- Attended the Rural Hospital Conference discussed some issues around patient safety.
- Represented Health Systems Quality Assurance Division at the Hospital Acquired Infections Workgroup.
- A formal offer has been extended to an applicant to head the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) and will hopefully be on staff by August 1, 2008. The PMP currently is funded for one year and we are working on ongoing funding and awaiting approval on a federal grant.

- Bonnie King, Director of Health Professions Quality Assurance office has officially retired and this marked the formal change from Facilities and Licensing Services to Health Professions and Facilities effective July 1, 2008.
- The Executive Director position for the Board of Pharmacy will be posted shortly. Board members will be involved in the hiring process for this position.

Board Members

George Roe reported:

- He is a member of the committee tasked with drafting sanctioning guidelines. The committee has met twice. The committee's recommendations are due to the Secretary's office by November 15, 2008, and if adopted will take effect on January 1, 2009. Secretary Selecky will present a report to the Legislature by January 15, 2009. An informational handout was passed out to board staff then he asked for their comments.

Gary Harris reported:

- Attended the Pharmacy Investigators' Quarterly Meeting on June 11, 2008. He stated he felt the meeting was filled with good, positive energy. Some of the discussion at the meeting included issues with ILRS and the sharing of possible solutions.
- Asked that when the board is doing case reviews, to please be mindful that they are completed in a timely manner.

Dan Connelly reported:

- He attended the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies from June 15-20th. He stated he went to numerous meetings and feels that the program is very spiritual. This program helped him understand addiction problems. He mentioned that Bartells will fund two scholarships each year that will qualify for 2 hours continuing education credits.
- June 9, 2008 he represented the board at a Prescription and Drug Overdose meeting another great experience. He feels the Prescription Monitoring Program is essential to helping to eliminate drug diversion.
- Attended the Microsoft Health Vault Conference in Bellevue regarding internet record keeping.
- He handed out samples of a product that was produced for the Seattle Medic 1 program called "Vial of Life". It is a prescription vial that is placed in your refrigerator to be filled with information regarding an individual's medications, doses. Also includes door stickers, magnets and a card for your wallet. It is planned that the program will extend throughout the state.

Assistant Attorney General

Joyce Roper reported:

- On July 8, 2008 the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments in the case of Stormans vs. Selecky. The argument was whether or not to lift the injunction that was issued by Judge Ronald B. Leighton of the U.S. District Court pending trial in April 2009. .

- We have continued to work with the Department of Health (DOH) on what constitutes a sixty-day supply of medical marijuana. The draft has been filed for public comment.

Consultant Pharmacists

Tim Fuller reported:

- DOH involved in development of guidelines. We have taken no position.
- Attended the American Society of Health System Pharmacist (ASHP) Summer Meeting. Enjoyed all the vendors with software programs, physician order entry, robotic arms, and barcodes for patients and their drugs.

Cathy Williams reported:

- On the Patient Safety Coalition's work on the Medication Safety Initiative to [improve medication safety](#) by focusing on the prevention of error via improved communication between prescribers, pharmacists, and patients. The group will meet on August 5, to brainstorm ideas, seek advice from media experts and strategize how to promote the use of medication lists.
- Attended the Washington Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee Meeting with the healthcare authority.

Chief Investigator

Grant Chester reported:

- Mr. Randy Flett left state service on June 30, 08 after working for a year as a ¼ time Pharmacist Investigator. Mr. Joseph Honda's appointment ends Sept. 15, 2008.
- Compliments to Judy Haenke and her staff for doing an outstanding job with ILRS challenges around pharmacy firms and license expiration dates.
- We have been working with the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFWC) since November to improve their understanding of the Call Center requirements and to ensure compliance with their agreement with the Board of Pharmacy. Tyler Varnum, Pharmacist Investigator and Amy Amerein, Responsible Pharmacist Manager for YVFWC were able to resolve all concerns except one. This related to Call Center services for their Oregon pharmacy. YVFWC will presentation at the September board meeting in Yakima. The YVFWC was inspected on June 24, 2008 and received an A grade.
- The Investigators' Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2008. Rosemarie Duffy will attend with the possibility of Dan Connelly attending also.

PRESENTATION

National Standardized Examination for Pharmacy Technician

The board was tasked with identifying the criteria it will use to approve a national standardized certification exam. Based on the rules adopted in May all new applicants for pharmacy

technician must pass a board-approved national standardized exam in addition to other requirements. The board reviewed many recommendations for criteria submitted by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, the Washington State Pharmacy Association and two national pharmacy technician certification programs. . A teleconference presentation was given by Jim Kendzel, Executive Director of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA) and the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

NCCA currently accredits both national exams – PTCE and ExCPT.

Rosemarie Duffy read into record letters from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacist; National Association of Chain Drug Stores, and Group Health Cooperative. Following the presentation, the board asked questions and received comments from representatives of both national examinations -

- Dr. Kenneth Schafermeyer, Director of Education, Institute for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ICPT) and
- Jeanie Barkett, representing, the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.

MOTION: Dan Connolly moved the board accept accredited NCCA certified tests as board-approved Pharmacy Technician examinations. Rosemarie Duffy amended that they need to show proof of accreditation for NCCA as necessary. Vandana Slatter second. **MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.**

University of Washington (UW), School of Pharmacy's Medication Therapy Management Pharmacy

Don Downing, UW, gave an overview of the program with the following highlights:

- More people are asking for this service and willing to pay.
- The capacity to provide care for those who come to us has not been built yet.
- In order to be paid, we have to be able to provide positive outcomes.
- The UW is collaborating with Washington State University (WSU).
- A drugless pharmacy has been opened at the UW, but does not want to make pharmacy students obsolete.
- The first year of training for PharmD students will be practicing on scheduling and taking medication history and billing. Years two and three the students will work using teaching cases and standardized patients. The fourth year would be regular Medication Therapy Management clerkship at the University of Washington working in a pharmacy with live cases with faculty preceptors.
- He has received overwhelmingly positive results from pharmacies.

Rod Shaffer, Executive Director of the Washington State Pharmacy Association, stated his support for the program and thanked the board for their support.

Madhu Panchapagesan, PharmD Candidate commented that this is the future of pharmacy and a wonderful experience she can carry over to her practices.

Joyce Roper, AAG, made it clear that the board has not endorsed the program.

Request for Lists and Labels

ACTION: Rosemarie moved that the board select a panel to consider the request by Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine /The National Center for Analysis of Healthcare Data to be recognized as an educational organization. Vandana Slatter second. **MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.**

Vandana Slatter, Gary Harris and George Roe were chosen to be part of the panel. Following the panels discussion, Gary Harris suggested that before making a decision the panel needs more information.

MOTION: George Roe moved that an inquiry should be made as to the background of the association, its relationship to the college and the nature of the academic research. Documentation needed. Dr. Vandana Slatter second. **MOTION CARRIED: 3-0** pending more information.

Remote Order Processing

Tim Fuller introduced Lance Muncey, of Holy Family Hospital. Mr. Muncey presented a proposal to allow Holy Family Hospital in Spokane to provide remote prescription order processing for St. Joseph's Hospital in Chewelah and Mount Carmel Hospital in Colville when their pharmacists are not present. The hospitals have a common order entry program and drug dictionary. Their clinical documentation is the same program, but not shared. It is estimated that 20 prescriptions per evening will be remotely processed.

MOTION: Rosemarie Duffy moved to allow Holy Family Hospital to provide remote order processing to the hospitals. Dr. Vandana Slatter second. **MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.**

DISCUSSION

Petition for Rulemaking

John Worthington presented a proposal to adopt rules to reschedule industrial cannabis hemp. Joyce Roper, AAG, advised the board that industrial hemp is not a scheduled drug by the DEA or at state level. The board does not have the authority over industrial hemp regardless of the THC level. She also said that the legislature made it clear that industrial hemp is not a controlled substance, under our state statute, not a legend drug and the board has no authority to schedule.

MOTION: George Roe moved to deny the petition since it doesn't fall under the board's authority. Dan Connolly second. **MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.**

Delegation of Signature Authority for Credentialing

T. Diane Young asked the board to approve a change of signature delegation for approval of routine credentialing applications. She requested that signature delegation get transferred to the following people:

- T. Diane Young – Credentialing Supervisor

- Karen Stricklett, Pharmacy Credentialing Supervisor
- Kay Normand, Credentialing Lead
- Shannon Beigert, Director, Customer Services Office
- Shannon McMillan, Credentialing Supervisor
- Jennifer Herbrand, Credentialing Lead
- Shamim Bachelani, Credentialing Supervisor
- Cindy Morris, Credentialing Lead
- Josh Shipe – Manager, Call Center
- Diana Ehri, Manager, Operations

MOTION: Dr. Vandana Slatter moved to update the credentialing approval list. Rosemarie Duffy second. George Roe amended that the list should be updated on an annual basis.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

Mandatory Report Rules

Margaret Gilbert, Senior Staff Attorney, DOH HSQA, gave a presentation on how the Mandatory Reporting Rules, adopted in April 2008, apply to the practice of pharmacy. Ms. Gilbert said the rules are about what you have to do and what you are going to do when you have to review a file. Joyce Roper commented that the board's rules extend a little beyond these rules.

Doug Beeman, Washington Recovery Assistance Program for Pharmacy (WRAPP) Advisory Board member said he had concerns about the rules and feels that there is a presumption of guilty until proved innocent. He also said his concerns about the future of impaired practitioner programs are at risk with these rules.

Joyce clarified that a report is required if there is a patient harmed. A report does not determine or mandate that the board take action.

2009 Meeting Dates

The board discussed and finalized the meeting calendar for 2009.

Business & Disciplinary Hearing	January 22 & 23, 2009	King Co
Planning Session	March 11, 2009	King Co
Business & Disciplinary Hearing	March 12 – 13, 2009	King Co
Business & Disciplinary Hearing	May 7 & 8, 2009	Spokane
Business & Disciplinary Hearing	June 18 & 19, 2009	Tumwater
Business & Disciplinary Hearing	July 29 & 30, 2009	Kent
Business & Disciplinary Hearing	September 17 & 18, 2009	Yakima
Business & Disciplinary Hearing	October 29 & 30, 2009	Tumwater
Business & Disciplinary Hearing	December 10 & 11, 2009	Kent

MOTION: Rosemarie Duffy moved to approve the meeting dates. Gary Harris second.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

2008 – 09 Travel Plans.

The Board discussed and designated members and staff to attend priority conferences and trainings for the 08-09 fiscal year.

September 17-20, 2008	District 6,7,& 8 NABP Meeting	Park City, UT	Steve Saxe George Roe
October 21-25, 2008	Annual NASCSA Conference	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Steve Saxe
May 16-19, 2009	NABP 105 th Annual Meeting	Miami, FL	Steve Saxe Gary Harris
June 21-26, 2009	University of Utah School of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependencies	Salt Lake City, UT	Rosemarie Duffy Greg Lang – Pharmacist Investigator
June- TBD	DEA Annual Meeting	TBD	

MOTION: Dan Connolly moved to approve the designated travel plans. Gary Harris second.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

Rulemaking – Carisoprodol

Tim Fuller provided a brief summary. The board then considered the information presented at the May 29th stakeholder meeting in its decision on whether to proceed in scheduling carisoprodol hearing. **MOTION:** George Roe reaffirmed to move forward to reschedule. Dan Connolly second. **MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.**

Stakeholder Meeting Update

Dan Connolly updated the board on the last correctional pharmacies stakeholder meeting held July 10, 2008. He presented the concerns of the attendees at that meeting by passing out a handout.

Model Policies and Procedures – Animal Control Agencies/Humane Societies

Doreen Beebe provided some background on the model policies and procedure. The board then considered the adoption of model guidelines for the administration and recordkeeping of legend drugs.

MOTION: Rosemarie Duffy moved to accept the Model Policies and Procedures with the clarification of the strength of Sodium Pentobarbital, 390mg/ml per 10lbs. George Roe second.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was reviewed and discussed by the board.

- The DEA has proposed rules for electronic prescription transmittals of controlled substances **ACTION:** Tim Fuller and Cathy Williams have been asked to draft a response for the board to review September 4, 2008. The response to the proposal must be submitted by September 25, 2008.
- NABP State News Roundup.
- NABP – Pharmacist Self-Assessment Mechanism.
- NABP 3-News.

- Press Release – ASHP Advises Washington State on Requirements for Pharmacy Technician Training, Certification.
- News from ICPT – Exam for Certification of Pharmacy Technicians receives distinguished NCCA Accreditation
- Group health's Medicine Return Program will receive two awards.
- California E-Pedigree.
- Patient Safety & Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative.
- DOH News Releases #08-099, 08-100, and 08-101.

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments.

PRESENTATION OF AGREED ORDERS

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The Board of Pharmacy will meet again on September 4, 2008 for its regularly scheduled business meeting in Yakima, Washington.

CLOSED SESSION

Case presentations

Respectfully Submitted by:

Leann George, Program Support

Approved on September 4, 2008

Rebecca Hille, Chair
Washington State Board of Pharmacy